

Species Election

In response to the species election dated September 8, 2006, Applicants elect a chemical as the candidate antiviral agent, and quantitation of portion of nucleic acid as the means for detecting the effect of the antiviral agent. The Election is made without traverse. Pending claims that read on both species are 1, 11, 16-18, and 22-26.

Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed herewith are Forms PTO/SB/08A (1 page) and PTO/SB/08B (1 page) and copies of the 9 non-US patent references listed therein.

Conclusion

It is believed that no fee is required for this filing. However, if there are any unanticipated fees required to maintain pendency of this application, the PTO may withdraw those fees from Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted

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